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First Sunday after Christmas – Chosen Home  
December 26, 2021  
10:00am MT  
Order of Worship

Welcome  
Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol

Prelude  
*Masters in This Hall*  
arr. by Mark Hayes  
Lana Zoltowski

Call to Worship  
Jennifer Lehman

One: Jesus said, “This is my Father’s house.” So come into this space just as you are.  
Come into this space speaking your truth. Come into this space with your authentic self. This is God’s home.

Many: This is our home.  
One: This is our chosen home.  
Many: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer  
Jennifer

God of All Creation, scripture tells us that when Jesus taught in the temple, all who heard were amazed. We want to be amazed too. We want to hear your word with new ears. We want to be unraveled and transformed by the truth tucked between those sentences. We want to be opened up by the hope in these holy pages. We want to be amazed. So as we read today, transport us to those early days in the temple. Open our hearts so we can hear your word like never before. We are listening. We are grateful. Amen.

Carol & Wreath Candle-Lighting

Scripture Reading  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Jennifer

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through Christ.

One: A word from God for the people of God.  
Many: Thanks be to God.
Carol

(Please share your prayer concerns & joys with Rev. Dawn at revdawn@montevista.org.)

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (in unison)  

Blessed One, our Father and our Mother. Holy is your name. May your love be embodied in the world. May your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Protect us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For all that we do in your love, and all that your love brings to birth, and the fullness of love that will be, are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Children’s Moment  

Scripture Reading  

Luke 2:41-52  

Every year Jesus’ parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Message

Special Music  

Jingle Bells  

arr. by Mitchell Eithun  

Vista Bells

Sharing in Communion and Stewardship

Invitation to the Table  

(Your tithes & offerings can be given via online donations on our website, on the Givelify app, or by mailing your check to the church office. Thank you.)

Communion Hymn  

Chosen Home  

Rev. Dawn

Words of Institution

Prayers for the Elements

Receiving Communion Together as One Body in Christ

(Everyone is encouraged to take Communion at the same time as signaled.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving  

Rev. Dawn
Closing Hymn  
*Go Tell It on the Mountain*  
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Benediction  
Rev. Dawn

Postlude  
*Joy to the World*  
arr. by Mark Hayes

Lana

Worship Leader: Jennifer Lehman  
Michael Cooke & Laurel Deming, Song Leaders

Vista Bells: Laurel Deming, Marcia Larson, Anne Loveless, Lauri Rigler; Lois Cook, Director

Wally Miller, Sound  
Frank Shaffer, Livestream

Lana Zoltowski, Organist/Pianist  
Rev. Meredyth Jones, Associate Minister

Rev. Dr. Dawn Rosignol, Senior Minister, Presiding
Chosen Home

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular with refrain

Text: Anna Strickland (2021)  Music: John Francis Wade (1743)

As Je-sus' fam-ily tra-veled back to Naz-areth
In la-ter years he called his cho-sen fam-i-ly,
We may not find home where it is ex-pec-ted
May this be a brave space for all peo-ple

He stayed and claimed a space in-side tem-ple walls
Fish-ers and tax col-lec-tors, wo-men and men
Some-times we have to leave to be who we are:
Where all are seen and loved a-mong fam-i-ly

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Seeking a place where he could show his true self
Leaving his home to eat with saints and sinners
Wholly created in God’s holy image
Space to grow and follow in our callings

place that truly sees us, a place that loves and frees us, like
tables set by Jesus is our chosen home
Go Tell It on the Mountain

1. While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
2. The shepherds feared and trembled, when lo! above the earth,
3. Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,

Go, tell it on the mountain, o'er the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

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